

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

October 2011 – Week 2

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TITLE: PRIDE BEFORE A FALL

OCTOBER 1878 AND PRIDE COMES BEFORE A FALL.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

OCTOBER 11, 1878. HUNTSVILLE. THE LEGENDARY KIOWA CHIEF SATANTA IS FINALLY IN PRISON.

ARRESTED THREE TIMES, INCLUDING ONCE BY GENERAL GEORGE CUSTER, SATANTA WAS THE FIRST CHIEF TO BE PUT ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO HANG, SATANTA WAS INSTEAD GIVEN LIFE IN PRISON TO AVOID A REVOLT.

EVENTUALLY HE WAS PAROLED, BUT RETURNED TO PRISON AFTER FIGHTING IN THE BATTLE OF ADOBE WALLS IN 1874.

TODAY... REFUSING TO FACE LIFE BEHIND BARS, SATANTA LEAPS FROM A SECOND-FLOOR PRISON WINDOW AND DIES.

A CENTURY LATER, HE WOULD INSPIRE THE CHARACTER BLUE DUCK IN THE NOVEL LONESOME DOVE.

SATANTA WAS FINALLY FREE 133 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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